

District Cllr Report Battsiford and Ringshall Ward

Barking, Battsiford, Great Bricett, Offton, Ringshall, Willisham

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Great Bricett Red Lion Appeal Decisions

Two appeal decisions were made concurrently on the refusal to allow the change of use of the Red Lion pub to a residential dwelling. Appeal A (Ref: APP/W3520/W/21/3273897) This first part of the appeal is with regards to the Change of use of Public House to 1no dwelling. This appeal has been dismissed, and permission is not granted to change the building into a domestic dwelling. Appeal B (Ref: APP/W3520/Y/21/3273896) This appeal is regarding the internal and external alterations that would be required to change the building from a Pub into a domestic dwelling. This appeal has been granted and permission given for the changes, as it has been determined that these alterations would not significantly alter the historic significance of the building. These decisions appear to be contradictory, and it is now up to the applicants to decide how to go ahead.

Residents Survey

Babergh and Mid Suffolk are carrying out their annual survey of residents. Hopefully this will enable the Councils to understand more about residents' and communities' resilience and to help improve the Councils' service. Up to 8,000 households from districts have been randomly selected and invited to take part.

Grants for carbon-reduction

A new fund for community-based carbon-reduction projects is now open. Projects could include promoting cycling/walking, improving energy efficiency and raising awareness of climate change. Applications can be made via the Green Suffolk website.

Locality Funding

We would welcome applications from any local club or organisation in need of funding towards the cost of a local project.

Gateway 14

The Range has announced a £200 million investment to base a major distribution centre at Gateway 14 creating 1,650 jobs (across three shifts). Once a reserved matters planning application has been approved, work is expected to start in January 2023 and occupation of the new distribution centre in Autumn 2023.

HRA business plan

At last month's Council meeting the HRA business plan was agreed. It sets out the long-term priorities and plans for the future of council housing in the district. The main priorities include tackling climate change, developing new council housing, involving tenants and improving the neighbourhoods.

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